and classified hotels. These would serve to provide high quality transportation to tourists.

Further, certain amendments have been made in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 in an effort to streamline traffic facilities between States. Under this scheme, tourists vehicles would be able to travel amongst three or more States on a single point taxation, and the home State, which would also avoid delays at entry points of adjoining States.

In order to maintain high quality of service, the Department of Tourism conducts inspection of the vehicles owned by tourist transport operators. Recognition is given on the basis of fulfilling the stringent conditions laid down by the Department of Tourism, Government of India.

Construction of Bridges by Companies of US and UK

6333. SHRI G.Y. KRISHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued letters of Intent to US and UK companies for building bridges in the country on the "Buld, Operate and Transfer" (BOT) basis;

(b) if so, the particulars of the companies asked to build bridges and their location;

(c) the capital outlay involved in each case;

(d) what control would Government exercise on the BOT bridges safety built-up and their maintenance; and

(e) how for it will go to fill the gap between the demand and supply in the ever-increasing road transport sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Letter of Intent in respect of second Vivekananda Bridge in West Bengal was issued to M/s CRSS, California and in respect of second Narmada Bridge in Gujarat to M/s Costain, UK and M/sVelecha Engg. Bombay. Letters of Intent were for the preparation of the project by potential entrepreneur without any commitment for award of work or reimbursement of expenditure incurred.

(d) These bridges will be built as per Indian Road Congress Standards and Specifications.

(e) It is too early to indicate details in this regard.

12.00 Noon

MR. CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table. Mr Jagdish Tytlers.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

(i) Third Suplementary Agreement between the President of India and Governor of Orissa under the National Highway Act, 1956.

(ii) Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in Englihs an Hindi) of the Third Supplementary Agreement cntered into between the President of India and the Governor of Orissa to partially amend and/or modify the Agreement dated the 20th July, 1961 also between the President of India and the Governor of Orissa under section 8 of the National Highways Act, 1956 regarding maintenance and development of urban links of National Highways in Orissa, under section 10 of the said Act.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT 7662/95].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport Shipping